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Georgia

HOW TIGERS GET RICH.

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Here is a significant fragment of testimony brought out at the detective department investigation last Friday night:

"Mr. Black: 'You made a lot of money there?'

"Witness: 'Right smart.'

"Mr. Black: 'How much?'

"Witness: 'Well, sir, if I had all the money I'd paid the police for protection, with what I've got, I could come mighty near to buying the postoffice.'"

The witness was a negro bootlegger, who was formerly a laborer in a coal mine in Tennessee, but who testified that since the "bone dry" prohibition law went into effect he has been engaged in the liquor business at a notorious stand "about a block and a half" from the police station, lives in luxury and keeps two high-priced automobiles for his "personal use" as pleasure cars.

He has frequently been arrested and fined.

Others, too—negroes and white men—have testified to having been arrested repeatedly for illicitly selling whiskey, but found the business lucrative.

The negro whose testimony featured the Friday night session of the councilmanic investigating committee, swore that he had been paying $200 a week to a member of the detective department, in return for which he was notified in advance of a "raid" in order that he might prepare for it; and yet despite that weekly outlay, he was enabled to amass a comfortable fortune.

This bunco-detective department investigation is at least bringing out some facts that are illuminating to decent citizens who are wondering why prohibition does not prohibit, and that ought to be inspirational to judges who make a practice of assessing fines against bootleggers and blind tigers instead of sending them to the chaingang.

NEGROES WILL HOLD STATE DRY MEET

The Atlanta Constitution 8/12/21

In the interest of prohibition, a state meeting of colored prohibitionists will be held here at the Bethel A. M. E. church, September 20.

Dr. Singleton, pastor of the church, will lead the opening devotional at 9 o'clock in the morning. Luncheon will be served at the church, and an inspirational service will feature the evening session. A chorus, composed of children of the Loyal Temperance Legion, will furnish music.

Speeches by negro leaders of the state have been arranged, and reports on the educational work of the organization will be made. Mattie A. Ford is president of the organization.

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North Carolina

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FEDERAL RAIDERS KILL BLOCKADERS IN BRISK BATTLE

Three Negroes Killed and Others Wounded When Officers Raided Monster Distillery.

Three unidentified negroes were killed outright and 6 others wounded when a party of nine prohibition officers, headed by R. G. Gulley Raleigh, raided a monster distill 600 yards beyond the V ginia from Warren county Frid morni ig at 5 o'clock, states the Raleigh News and Observer. None of the officers were wounded. The plant, including 3 stills of an aggregate capacity of 475 gallons, 22,000 gallons of beer and other property valued at $7,500 were destroyed. It is said to be the largest distillery ever destroyed by North Carolina prohibition forces.

The plant was manned by 17 negroes, most of them believed to be residents of the southern section of Wake county, with Hayes and Joe Baldwin, Apex negroes, fugitives from justice, in charge of the operations. Both the Baldwins escaped in a highpowered auto carrying several of the wounded negroes with them.

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Revenuers Win Three-Cornered Battle With 15 Moonshiners Near Paschall; Three Big Stills Wrecked

TILLS OWNED BY BALDWINS, REPORT

Prohibition Officers Under Gulley Escape Injury During Fierce Battle In Early Morning Hours; Joe and Hayes Baldwin Fugitives From Justice

Three unknown negroes were killed in a three-cornered battle between fifteen moonshiners and ten prohibition officers early Friday morning in Warren County near Paschall at a large distilling plant operated, it is said, by Joe and Hayes Baldwin negroes, and brothers of Apex, when the Federal agents swooped down on three stills while they were under full steam, according to information received in RALEIGH at Federal headquarters. No officers were hurt. Twelve of the moonshiners escaped during the exchange of shots between the guards and officers.

Baldwins Escape

In addition to the death of three negroes, the raiders captured three complete stills, 25,000 gallons of beer, 150 gallons of freshly distilled corn whiskey and blockading equipment valued at $2,500. The Baldwin brothers were among those who evaded the raiding party.

Men In Raid

Prohibiton officers, under direction of State Agent H. G. Gulley, were Ernest Raines and E. G. Richardson, RALEIGH; H. M. Lewis, Henderson; J. R. Pendergrast, Durham; Cales, Brady, Ramsey and Shores.

Joe and Hayes Baldwin, reputed owners of the triple still plant, are fugitives from justice. They have been wanted badly by Sheriff Harrison of Wake, since both forfeited $500 bonds each after conviction of blockading in White Oak Township near Apex. They were found guilty in Superior Court and sentenced to serve two years each on the roads. They appealed and the Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the lower court.

For over a year State and Federal officers have been on the trail of the Baldwins. They never stopped making whiskey ,according to frequent reports that came to Agent Gulley and Sheriff Harrison. At times the two negroes visited Apex, boldly mingled with members of their race there and had been in RALEIGH, it is said, but when the authorities threw out dragnets they would disappear to other regions.

Agent Got "Tip"

Recently, Agent Gulley received information that the Baldwins were operating a big plant near the Virginia line on a systematic scale. The report was lacking in details, but was good enough for an immediate investigation. At that time, the plant was idle after a long run and it was necessary to await until operations was resumed.

A report from the scene of the stills Wednesday started action and the officers were quickly rounded up and sent to Paschall. The raid occurred shortly after midnight Thursday.

Met Stiff Fight, Belief

While no details of the battle between moonshiners and officers reached RALEIGH Friday, the character of the Baldwins and their allies lead the authorities to believe that the raiders met unusually stiff opposition from the guards. The officers, however, were prepared for trouble.

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Pennsylvania

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PLAN COLORED W. C. T. U.

Colored women of Harrisburg are urged to attend a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. rooms at 804 Cowden street, at which time tentative plans for organizing a colored chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be discussed. Mrs. Brown, of Pittsburgh, will be the speaker.

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FAIRMONT W VA TIMES
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Long Hid Still Unearthed by Raid of Police

City police last night staged a raid at the home of Edward J. Stewart, colored, who resides on Hampton Roads, confiscated a copper boiler, two lid attachments, two coils and some of the connections used in the distillation of intoxicating liquors. Stewart was arrested on a charge of operating a moonshine still and aws locked up in the county jail.

For some time past the officers have been investigating reports that whisky was being manufactured at his home. Last night the police made their raid and were successful in finding the apparatus.

The police found a number of glass jars which had contained moonshine was shown by the smell and the amounts of the liquid still in the containers, but did not find any mash or any quantity of moonshine.

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